

AMENDMENTS TO LB89

Introduced by Mello, 5.

1           1. Strike original sections 2 and 5 and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3           Sec. 4. (1) The Intergenerational Poverty Task Force is created.  
4 The executive committee of the task force shall consist of the following  
5 voting members:

6           (a) The chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of  
7 the Legislature;

8           (b) The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the  
9 Legislature; and

10           (c) Three at-large members appointed by the Executive Board of the  
11 Legislative Council.

12           The voting members of the executive committee shall choose a  
13 chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the voting members.

14           The chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human  
15 Services or his or her designee, the Commissioner of Labor, and the  
16 Commissioner of Education shall be nonvoting, ex officio members of the  
17 executive committee of the task force.

18           (2) The remaining members of the task force shall be nonvoting  
19 members appointed by the executive committee of the task force through an  
20 application and selection process, representing (a) advocacy groups that  
21 focus on childhood poverty issues and education issues, (b) academic  
22 experts in childhood poverty or education, (c) service providers, (d)  
23 educational institutions, (e) workforce development agencies, and (f)  
24 experts in early childhood education. The members appointed pursuant to  
25 this subsection shall constitute the advisory committee to the task  
26 force.

27           Sec. 5. The Intergenerational Poverty Task Force shall, with

1 respect to programs including, but not limited to, the aid to dependent  
2 children program described in section 43-513, the federal Supplemental  
3 Nutrition Assistance Program established pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2011 et  
4 seq., as such sections existed on January 1, 2015, the child care  
5 assistance program described in section 68-1206, and the Employment First  
6 program developed pursuant to the self-sufficiency contract described in  
7 sections 68-1719 to 68-1724 and rules and regulations of the Department  
8 of Health and Human Services:

9 (1) Share, examine, and analyze data and information regarding  
10 intergenerational poverty in the state with a primary focus on data and  
11 information regarding children who are at risk of continuing the cycle of  
12 poverty unless outside intervention is made and develop effective and  
13 efficient plans, programs, and recommendations to help such children  
14 escape the cycle of poverty;

15 (2) Encourage participation and input from academic experts,  
16 advocacy groups, nonprofit corporations, local governments, and faith-  
17 based institutions in exploring strategies and solutions to help children  
18 who are victims of intergenerational poverty escape the cycle of poverty;

19 (3) Study, evaluate, and report on the status and effectiveness of  
20 policies, procedures, and programs implemented by other states and by  
21 nongovernmental entities that address the needs of and that provide  
22 services to children affected by intergenerational poverty;

23 (4) Identify policies, procedures, and programs, including any lack  
24 of interagency data sharing, lack of policy coordination, or current  
25 federal requirements, that are impeding efforts to help children in the  
26 state affected by intergenerational poverty escape the cycle of poverty  
27 and recommend changes to those policies and procedures;

28 (5) Create a long-range strategic plan containing:

29 (a) Measurable goals and benchmarks, including future action needed  
30 to attain those goals and benchmarks, for decreasing the incidence of  
31 intergenerational poverty among the state's children and increasing the

1 number of the state's children who escape the cycle of poverty; and

2 (b) Recommended data-supported changes to policies, procedures, and  
3 programs to address the needs of children affected by intergenerational  
4 poverty and to help those children escape the cycle of poverty, including  
5 the steps that will be required to make the recommended changes and  
6 whether further action is required by the Legislature or the federal  
7 government; and

8 (6) Protect the privacy of individuals living in poverty by using  
9 and distributing the data it collects or examines in compliance with  
10 federal requirements and with sections 84-712 to 84-712.09.

11 Sec. 6. To accomplish its duties, the Intergenerational Poverty  
12 Task Force may:

13 (1) Request and receive from any state or local governmental entity  
14 or institution information relating to poverty in the state, including  
15 reports, audits, data, projections, and statistics; and

16 (2) Appoint special committees to advise and assist the task force.  
17 Members of any such special committee shall be appointed by the  
18 chairperson of the task force and may be members of the task force or  
19 individuals from the private or public sector. A special committee shall  
20 report to the task force on the progress of the special committee.  
21 Members of a special committee appointed under this section may not  
22 receive reimbursement or pay for work done in relation to the special  
23 committee.

24 Sec. 7. (1) On or before December 15, 2015, the Intergenerational  
25 Poverty Task Force shall submit a preliminary report and on or before  
26 December 15, 2016, the task force shall submit a final report (a) to the  
27 Governor and (b) electronically to the Executive Board of the Legislative  
28 Council.

29 (2) The preliminary report and the final report shall:

30 (a) Include the long-range strategic plan required pursuant to  
31 section 2 of this act;

1           (b) Describe how the task force fulfilled its statutory purposes and  
2 duties during the time period covered by the report;

3           (c) Describe policies, procedures, and programs that have been  
4 implemented or modified to help break the cycle of poverty for children  
5 affected or at risk of being affected by intergenerational poverty; and

6           (d) Contain recommendations on how the state should act to address  
7 issues relating to breaking the cycle of poverty for children affected or  
8 at risk of being affected by intergenerational poverty.

9           Sec. 8. The Intergenerational Poverty Task Force terminates on  
10 December 31, 2016.

11           Sec. 9. Sections 1 to 3 and 10 of this act become operative on July  
12 1, 2015. The other sections of this act become operative on their  
13 effective date.

14           2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
15 accordingly.